

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A system comprising:
at least one serving dish configured to support food;
a power source which comprises at least one portable electrical power generating device, the power source providing power to heat the food.
2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the power source comprises at least one of a battery ~~and~~ or a fuel cell.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, comprising at least one heating element configured to heat the food, the heating element being powered using the power source.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, comprising a serving cart which is configured to hold the serving dish and the power source.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, comprising a counter on which the serving dish is placed, wherein the power source provides power to heat the counter and the heat from the counter is transferred to the serving dish.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the food in the serving dish is heated to at least approximately 140° F.
7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the serving dish is configured to fit within a holder, the holder comprising water heated using power from the power source.

8. (Original) A system comprising:
a counter;
at least one heating element in thermal communication with the counter; and
a power source which comprises a portable electrical power generating device
and which is configured to provide power to the heating element.
9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the power source
comprises at least one of a battery ~~and~~ or a fuel cell.
10. (Original) The system of claim 8, comprising a serving cart which includes
the counter and the power source.
11. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the counter comprises quartz.
12. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the heating element is positioned
on a bottom side of the counter.
13. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the power source is configured to
provide direct current power to the heating element.
14. (Original) A system comprising:
at least one container supporting food;
at least one heating element which heats the food; and
at least one fuel cell configured to provide electrical power to the heating
element.
15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the container is a serving dish.
16. (Original) The system of claim 14, comprising a serving cart configured to
hold the container and the fuel cell.
17. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the container is a chafing dish.
18. (Original) The system of claim 14, comprising a counter configured to support
the container, the heating element being configured to heat the counter.

19. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the container, heating element, and fuel cell are portable.

20. (Original) A system comprising:
at least one container supporting food; and
at least one battery configured to provide power to heat the food in the container to at least approximately 185° F.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the battery is configured to provide power to heat the food in the container to at least approximately 200° F.

22. (Original) The system of claim 20, comprising a serving cart which is configured to hold the container and the battery.

23. (Currently Amended) A chafing dish which supports food and uses at least one of a battery ~~and~~ or a fuel cell to heat the food.

24. (Original) The chafing dish of claim 23, comprising at least one heating element positioned underneath the chafing dish, the heating element being powered by at least one of the battery and the fuel cell.

25. (Original) The chafing dish of claim 24, wherein the battery or fuel cell is configured to provide direct current power to the heating element.

26. (Original) A chafing dish supporting food and using direct current power to heat the food.

27. (Currently Amended) A serving cart comprising:
a surface;
at least one heating element which heats the surface; and
a power source which comprises at least one of a battery ~~and~~ or a fuel cell, the power source being configured to provide power to the heating element.
28. (Original) The serving cart of claim 27, wherein the surface comprises quartz.
29. (Original) The serving cart of claim 27, wherein the combination of the power source and the heating element is configured to maintain the surface at a temperature of at least 140° F for at least 4 hours.
30. (Currently Amended) A method of serving food comprising:
positioning a plurality of serving dishes adjacent to one another on a counter, the serving dishes comprising various types of food; and
heating food in the plurality of serving dishes using at least one of a battery ~~and~~ or a fuel cell.
31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of heating food comprises using the battery or fuel cell to heat the counter which transfers the heat to the serving dishes and the food.
32. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the counter comprises quartz.
33. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the positioning step comprises positioning the plurality of serving dishes on a serving cart.

34. (Original) A system comprising:
a counter which comprises quartz;
at least one heating element in thermal communication with the counter; and
a power source which provides power to the heating element.
35. (Original) The system of claim 34, wherein the counter comprises at least approximately 80 wt.% quartz.
36. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the counter comprises at least approximately 2 wt.% organic resin.
37. (Original) The system of claim 34, wherein the heating element is enclosed by counter.
38. (Original) A system comprising:
at least one container supporting food;
at least one heating element which heats the food; and
at least one photovoltaic cell configured to provide electrical power to the heating element.
39. (Original) The system of claim 38, comprising a serving cart configured to hold the container and the photovoltaic cell.
40. (Original) The system of claim 38, wherein the container is a chafing dish.
41. (Original) The system of claim 38, comprising a counter configured to support the container, the heating element being configured to heat the counter.
42. (Original) The system of claim 38, wherein the container, heating element, and photovoltaic cell are portable.